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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
JANUARY 8, 2012 MEETING
Approved, February, 5, 2013

SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

Present: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Dick Terry; Teresa DeBenedictis (DPW), Brucie Moulton (Standing Committee), Nathaniel Stevens (Conservation Commission). **Facilitator:** Steve Ricci **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, *April 30 instead of May*, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 1, 2013. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- **Warrant article for water bodies fund:**
 - Teresa presented a spreadsheet with information on past expenditures, including some water quality surveys and including FY 2013 amounts designated but not yet spent. "Sonar" treatment for Spy Pond will need to be done toward the end of FY 2013 and part of the payment may have to be made from FY 2014 funds.
 - We will ask for \$50,000, using the same language as last year. The warrant closes January 25. We will probably need to ask for \$50,000 again next year and similar amounts in future years. Teresa will get additional figures so that we can present a multi-year projection to the Finance Committee. The Con Com and the Res Committee and Sustainable Arlington will co-sign the warrant article with Spy Pond.
 - Nathaniel has asked the Lexington Con Com to contribute \$5000 for treatment of the Res, since the worst of the water chestnut infestation is in the upper part, which lies within the boundaries of Lexington. Decision pending. The harvested water chestnuts have previously been sent to Lexington for composting. The Arlington Con Com should consider whether they could be composted on site.
- **Other matters:**
 - Fertilizer flyers: Jane noted that CDBG funds will probably not be available for printing them, but that they could be paid for from the water bodies fund. The door hangers left over from an earlier project contain still-valid information and could also be distributed.
 - Secchi disk monitoring for water clarity: Bill Eykamp noted that getting volunteers is a problem because the readings have to be taken during working hours, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., when lighting conditions are suitable.
 - Sandbar: We need to determine where the bottom of the sandbar is, to allay fears (and forestall excuses) that removing the sandbar would stir up arsenic deposits.
 - Dredging project at Morse's Pond in Wellesley: Jacob Friis will try to set up a field trip.
 - EcoFest: The Spy Pond Committee formally asked to participate. Brucie suggested that we should create a display about Arlington's water bodies and their need for maintenance.

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